

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on April 23, 2003 at 10:50 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Edward Butcher (R)  
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Royal Johnson (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Linda Nelson (D)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)  
Sen. Jon Tester (D)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)  
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)  
Sen. Emily Stonington (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch  
Rosana Skelton, Committee Secretary

**Please Note.** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJR 41, 4/23/2003  
Executive Action:

*Note: There is no recording of the proceedings until the sponsor's close.*

**HEARING ON HJR 41**

**Sponsor:** REP. MONICA LINDEEN, HD 7, Huntley

**Proponents:** None

**Opponents:** None

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. MONICA LINDEEN, HD 7, Huntley, opened on HJR 41, a study resolution for performance based budgeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Witnesses:**

Jane Hamman, Budget Office, offered to answer questions.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

SEN. BILL TASH advised he sponsored a similar issue in 1993 regarding the departments of **Military Affairs, Justice, Transportation** and the **Air National Guard**.

Taryn Purdy, **Legislative Fiscal Division** explained it was done as a pilot project for those agencies. The legislature was unsure what to do with the information they had gathered.

Jane Hamman, **Budget Office**, testified they studied three states with the greatest skill sets. They trained 300 people and did three budgets in 1993. They went to the **Finance Committee** with information on what had been accomplished. There is still certain tracking data being done. The legislature chose not to continue the process.

SEN. JOHN ESP wondered about the issue of two less staff in the budget office now and the prospect of two additional layoffs and who would do this job.

SEN. COREY STAPLETON asked the sponsor if education was included in the recommendation as he did not see them.

**REP. LINDEEN** thought OPI was included but not specifically.

**SEN. STAPLETON** asked if she would be opposed to specifically including them in the list.

**REP. LINDEEN** indicated she would not be opposed.

**SEN. ED BUTCHER** asked which programs would be included.

**Ms. Hamman** said they went to all the agencies. Included would be the **Department of Administration, Mail Services** and **Military Affairs**. When asked about child support enforcement, she agreed to include that.

**SEN. TRUDY SCHMIDT** asked if this was modeled after some working system.

**REP. LINDEEN** replied it was.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**REP. LINDEEN** closed on the resolution stated if legislators are unhappy with the present form of budgeting, they need to look at a different way.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:10 P.M.

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SEN. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (fcs86aad)**